

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 09/03/2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 03 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying Indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Berdo, Jr. on October 26, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1-4 have been amended as follows to overcome 35 USC 112, second paragraph issues.

Claim 1. An adjustable tilt mechanism for the golf club head comprising a clubhead having a vertically formed neck wherein the neck comprising a long conic adjustable hole with wide opening and narrow bottom, the opening having an opening rim with a plurality of tie slots distributed at a predetermined angle, and a lower end of the adjustable hole having a lock hole and a lock pin, wherein the club head has a size and specific tilt angle formed between the neck and club face associated with the size,

a hollow hosel having a bottom rim wherein the hosel has a plurality of tie lands equally disposed at the bottom rim,

a shaft having a handle at a top end of the shaft, a threaded section at a middle portion of the shaft, and an additional lock hole at the lower end of the shaft, wherein the shaft is inserted into the adjustable hole and is locked in place by the locking pin, and

a retaining ring attached to the threaded section of the shaft, wherein the hosel is disposed at a lower end of the retaining ring.

Claim 2. The adjustable tilt mechanism as in claim 1, wherein the hosel has a bottom shaped to coincide with the opening rim of the adjustable hole.

Claim 3. The adjustable tilt mechanism as in claim 1, wherein the tie slots on the opening rim are fitted by the tie lands of the hosel.

Claim 4. The adjustable tilt mechanism as in claim 1, wherein the tie slots and the tie lands hold the shaft in the adjustable hole.

Claim 5 has been cancelled.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reason for allowance of the claims is the inclusion of tie lands on the hosel, tie slots on the opening rim, and the retaining ring disposed at the opening rim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alvin A. Hunter whose telephone number is 703-306-5693. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM-4PM.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Vidovich can be reached on 703-308-1513. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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